

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph, which begins at column 14, line 5 of the application, as follows:

Spatial[spatial] multiplexing as previously described, can not be used to obtain a clock reference structure which is coincident with the data structure. Rather, it is necessary that the clock reference signal be separable from the data signal while data is being read or written. Generally, there are three optical storage configurations available for accomplishing the required separation of the clock reference signal and the data signal.

Please replace claim 21, which begins at column 22, line 43 of the application, as follows:

21. The optical disk recorder as recited in claim 20, wherein a combination objective lens is both the first objective lens and the second objective lens[numerical aperture of the combination objective lens is adjustably controlled to be lower when reading data than when recording data].